

proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: July 21, 2005.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2002E-0344] (formerly Docket No. 02E-0344)

Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of an application to the Director of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that medical device.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and petitions to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claudia Grillo, Office of Regulatory Policy (HFD-013), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 240-453-6699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Public Law 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive,

or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: A testing phase and an approval phase. For medical devices, the testing phase begins with a clinical investigation of the device and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the device and continues until permission to market the device is granted. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Director of Patents and Trademarks may award (half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a medical device will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(3)(B).

FDA approved for marketing the medical device ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve. ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve is indicated for the replacement of diseased, damaged, or malfunctioning native or prosthetic aortic or mitral valves. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve (U.S. Patent No. 5,354,330) from ATS Medical, Inc., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated December 30, 2002, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this medical device had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve is 1,418 days. Of this time, 980 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 438 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 520(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act involving this device became effective:* November 27, 1996.

FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the date the investigational device exemption (IDE) required under section 520(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 360j(g)) for human tests to begin became effective November 27, 1996.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the device under section 515 of the act (21 U.S.C. 360e):* August 3, 1999. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the premarket approval application (PMA) for ATS Open Pivot Bileaf Heart Valve (PMA P990046) was initially submitted August 3, 1999.

3. *The date the application was approved:* October 13, 2000. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that PMA P990046 was approved on October 13, 2000.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 505 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published are incorrect may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments and ask for a redetermination by September 26, 2005. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period by January 23, 2006. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See

H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

Comments and petitions should be submitted to the Division of Dockets Management. Three copies of any mailed information are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments and petitions may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: June 29, 2005.

Jane A. Axelrad,

Associate Director for Policy, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Arthritis Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 6, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Conference Room, rm. 1066, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Johanna M. Clifford, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, FAX: 301-827-6776, e-mail: cliffordj@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss biologics license application (BLA) 125118/0, proposed trade name ORENCIA (abatacept), Bristol Myers Squibb, proposed indication for the treatment of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis. When available, background materials for this meeting will be posted 1 business day before the meeting on FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>. (Click on the year 2005 and scroll down to Arthritis Advisory Committee.)

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by August 26, 2005. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those

desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before August 26, 2005, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation. Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Johanna Clifford at 301-827-7001, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: July 20, 2005.

Sheila Dearybury Walcott,

Associate Commissioner for External Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 8 and 9, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Washington Silver Spring, The Ballrooms, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. The hotel telephone number is 301-589-0800.

Contact Person: Cathy Groupe, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery,

5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, e-mail: groupec@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512536. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting. When available, background materials for this meeting will be posted one business day prior to the meeting on FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>. (Click on the year 2005 and scroll down to Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee.)

Agenda: On September 8, 2005, the committee will discuss new drug application (NDA) 21-868, proposed trade name EXUBERA (insulin recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (rDNA) origin powder for oral inhalation), 1 milligram (mg) and 3 mg powder for inhalation, Pfizer, Inc., for the treatment of adult patients with diabetes mellitus. On September 9, 2005, the committee will discuss NDA 21-865, proposed trade name PARAGLUVA (muraglitazar) Tablets, 2.5 mg and 5 mg, Bristol-Myers Squibb, for the treatment of type II diabetes mellitus.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by August 31, 2005. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before August 31, 2005, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).